

REMARKS

The above amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office action dated November 17, 2006. Claim 7 is presently cancelled. Claim 8 is amended. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 24-37.

Objection to Claims

Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been rewritten as an independent claim as suggested by the Examiner including all of the limitations of the base claim. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 7 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,390,466 to Johnson et al.

Although applicants respectfully disagree, claim 7 is cancelled in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims.

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, it is respectfully requested that claims 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 24-37 be passed to issue.

Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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